

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA  
ASHEVILLE DIVISION**

**RYAN CRAIG STEVENS**

Plaintiff,

v.

**MONTREAT COLLEGE;  
DR. PAUL J. MAURER;  
DR. DANIEL T. BENNETT;  
DR. DOROTHEA K. SHUMAN; and  
DR. RYAN T. ZWART,**

Defendants.

**Case No. 1:23-cv-00284-MR-WCM**

**MOTION FOR ORDER  
DEEMING DEFENDANTS  
PROPERLY AND TIMELY SERVED**

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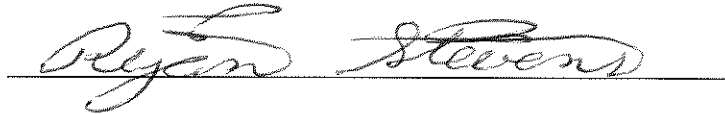
Plaintiff, Ryan Craig Stevens, pursuant to Rule 4 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, respectfully moves the Court to enter an Order deeming Defendants as properly and timely served.

In support of this motion, Plaintiff shows good cause, as follows:

1. On March 2, 2023, the Individual Defendants received notice of the alias and pluries summons, and acknowledged receipt, while waiving service, as the Individual Defendants “authorized [Womble Bond Dickinson (US) LLP] to accept service on [their] behalf...” (Doc. 24-5, Ex. A at 16). (Docs. 24-1, Ex. A at 2-9; 24-2, Ex. A at 2-9; 24-3 Ex. A at 2-9; 24-4 Ex. A at 2-9)
2. On April 18, 2023, Defendants’ counsel, Jonathon Townsend, states: “we also represent [the] [I]ndividual [D]efendants,” while acknowledging and “accept[ing]” service. (Doc. 24-5 Ex. A at 16)
3. On October 6, 2023, Defendants filed a Notice of Removal, accepting service of process.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff respectfully requests the Court enter an Order deeming Defendants as properly and timely served.

Dated this 21st Day of June, 2024.

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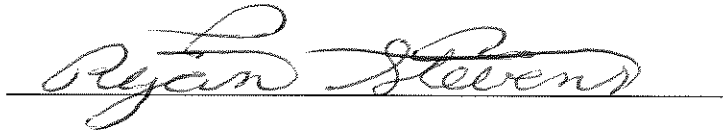
**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, PLAINTIFF, hereby certify the foregoing **MOTION FOR ORDER DEEMING DEFENDANTS PROPERLY AND TIMELY SERVED** was filed, this day, via the CM/ECF system, and served contemporaneously via mail and email to Defendants' counsel:

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